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SUBJECT: GREEK GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS TERMINATING CONTRACT
WITH USSR FOR GENERATING POWER AT PHILIPPI

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1. IN LAST TWO DAYS LOCAL PRESS HAS REPORTED THAT GREEK GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED FOREGO PLANS FOR CONSTRUCTION BY SOVIET AGENCY ENERGOMACHEXPORT \$89 MILLION POWER PLANT THAT WOULD UTILIZE PEAT DEPOSITS AT PHILIPPI NEAR KAVALA IN NORTHERN GREECE. PRESS ALSO POINTED TO PROBLEMS THAT WOULD ARISE FROM UNILATERAL GREEK TERMINATION OF CONTRACT SIGNED 18 APRIL 1973 SINCE GREECE HAS ALREADY ADVANCED \$8.9 MILLION AND POSSIBILITY THAT ENERGOMACHEXPORT COULD MAKE CLAIM FOR DAMAGES. SOME PAPERS INDICATE DEFINITE DECISION BY GREEK CABINET IMMINENT.

2. WHEN QUERIED BY EMBASSY ABOUT ACCURACY OF PRESS REPORTS,
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GENERAL SECRETARY OF INDUSTRY MINISTRY EVANGELOS PAPAHELAS

SAID THAT MATTER VERY COMPLEX, SINCE INVOLVES ENERGY,
UTILIZATION AGRICULTURAL LAND, AND COMMITMENTS TOWARD USSR.
AT THIS STAGE HE BELIEVES CABINET WILL ONLY GIVE GUIDELINES
TO AGENCIES INVOLVED SO THEY CAN MAKE NECESSARY STUDIES
AND RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO WHETHER PROJECT SHOULD
BE CANCELLED.
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